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1. Up to the end of October there were no indication in Shanghai of propaganda relating to the atomic bomb, but the general population there feels that a world war is probable in the near future. Their fear appears to be the result of events rather than induced by propaganda.*
2. Merchants from north China visiting Shanghai reported that all able-bodied persons of both sexes have been conscripted to dig trenches and build barricades north of the Great Wall.
3. Approximately five hundred Soviets have been transferred north from Shanghai, and at the end of October, not more than one hundred USSR Soviets were left in Shanghai.
4. After 20 October there was a great shortage of railroad passenger cars, and during October airfield traffic in Shanghai fell far below the September level.
5. Anti-Communist guerrilla forces were in almost complete control of many coastal regions south of Shanghai. At the end of October areas south of the Yangtze had largely been evacuated by Communist military forces. This was particularly true in the Shanghai-Nanchow area, along the Chekiang coast, and in the Choushan Archipelago.
6. There were about a dozen Jet-type planes based at Shanghai. The removal of anti-aircraft positions was apparently completed by the end of October.**

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Comment. A confirmed report of 6 November states that the Communists published a pamphlet and broadcast its contents on the atomic bomb on that date.

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what anti-aircraft installations were being removed or where they were being sent.

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